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STEAMER SERVICE ON VLTANA TO OPEN

PRAGUE-ZAHORI STEAMER ROUTE - Zemedelske Noviny, No 70, 24 Mar 49

In the latter half of April, depending on the weather, the Prague ships, T. G. Masaryk, Brdaccny, Dr E. Benes, Praha, Lidice, Stalingrad, Vitava, Vysehrad, Zbraslav, and Litomerice, will begin passenger traffic on the Vitava. If there is enough water, they will travel as far as Stechovice Dam. An innovation this year will be the inauguration of traffic between Stechovice Dam and the Svatojanske rapids, ending at Zahori.

In addition to the regular service between Prague and Stechovice, there is also occasional service between Prague and Melnik, and between Usti nad Labem and Bzenso on the Elbe.

VITAVA SERVICE TO START - Mlada Fronta, No 77, 1 Apr 49

Steamers on the Vltava stopped operating in November, and wintered at Svarcenberk Island in Smichov.

The hulls of the ships, made of 4-millimeter sheet metal, were repaired and the interiors cleaned and repainted. The boilers and engines were cleaned, paddlewheels were straightened, and gangplanks repaired.

The ship Bradoany was the first one to get up steam this year. Between 10 and 30 April, steamers will operate only on Sunday; in May they will begin to run every day. There will be five runs from Prague and back on weekdays, and up to 20 runs on Sundays and holidays.

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